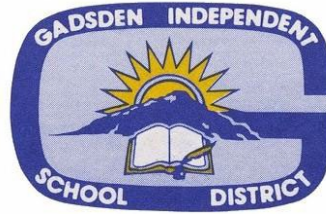


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For September 7, 2023

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:01 p.m. President Laura Salazar Flores presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by Claudia Rodriguez.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey recognized Luis C. Villalobos, Public Relations, for his commitment and service to the Gadsden community as he announces his retirement.
 - B. Principal Legarreta at Gadsden High School introduced Myrna Lopez, Counselor from GHS. Mrs. Lopez stated that the College Board National Program is a program that celebrates underrepresented students who excel academically on College Board assessments, including PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and AP Exams. She recognized the five 2023 College Board National recipients: Danae Munoz, Emma Martinez, Kimberly Nevarez, Ramon Enriquez, and Sienna Zimmerman.
 - C. Student Representative-Diego Sandoval, a freshman from Santa Teresa High School, reported that STHS has now reached 30 years since they've given out their first high school diplomas. Earlier this year, each grade level was personally introduced to the principal, administration, and counselors. He stated the freshmen were also introduced to the school fight song. This Saturday they will host Homecoming, which they've been preparing for this whole week with homecoming activities by decorating the school and dressing up as different things. They have also started fall sports, including Soccer, Football, and Volleyball. They had a Pep Rally which was a lot of fun. Diego mentioned that he is a band member and got to play a couple of tunes for the school. He mentioned that Remind is a great tool

for communication amongst the schools with their teachers, students, and guardians. Google classroom is also a great tool to do assignments. He reported that bathrooms were once a hotspot for drug usage and now with sensors installed in the bathrooms it has decreased the usage of drug issues; however, students are finding other places to do drugs. He stated it is now up to the parents to help their children.

4. Mrs. Rodriguez reminded everyone to attend the Coffee with the Principal and Coffee with the Superintendent in order to be informed. She thanked those who participate in the virtual board meetings and encourages parents to stay informed with Remind App. She thanked those who attended the Board Workshop who are interested in becoming board members.

Mrs. Murillo reported that Santa Teresa High School Band will be performing at the Grand Opening of the new homes Hakes Brothers on Saturday, September 9th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. She stated next week schools will be hosting Parent Teacher Conferences and encourages parents to attend. She encourages everyone to go out and attend the home football games. She congratulated the Gadsden High School recipients for the College Board National Program. She thanked Diego for his report on Santa Teresa High School.

Board Members
Report

Mr. Castillo thanked Mr. Villalobos for his 10 years of service to Gadsden ISD. He congratulated the GHS College Board National recipients. He thanked Diego for issues and concerns he brought up on his report at Santa Teresa High School. He mentioned that he will be running again for board member.

Mr. Cano also thanked Mr. Villalobos for his service. He also congratulated the GHS recipients on their award. He reminded those who are running for board that this is all about the student's future. He also stressed out to parents to attend the meetings to stay informed with their child's school.

President Flores thanked Superintendent Dempsey for taking his time to host the workshop for future board members. She thanked Mr. Villalobos for his 10 years of service to Gadsden ISD. She mentioned that it was awesome to hear that Superintendent Dempsey, Maria Hernandez, and Neredia Gamon attended the Governor's Literacy Summit at the Governor's mansion.

Personnel Report

5. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.

Approval of the
Agenda

6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- School Board Minutes
7. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the August 24, 2023, Regular School Board Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consent Agenda
8. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Open Forum
9. Open Forum: Roberto Santillano addressed to the board regarding the internet for students. Charles Wendler addressed to the board regarding US Constitution.
- Action
Proposed Demolition
of The Alamo, PPD
Barracks and Old
Nursing Portable
10. Action Items:
- A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Proposed Demolition of The Alamo, PPD Barracks and Old Nursing Portable. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion
2024 GISD
Legislative Requests
11. Discussion Items:
- A. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, presented information on the 2024 GISD Legislative Requests.
- NMSBA Resolutions
- B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the NMSBA Resolutions. He explained that the local school board are given the opportunity to submit resolutions to NMSBA's legislative platform.
- Special Education
Audit Update
- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Special Education Audit Update. He explained that the district contracted an outside agency to conduct an audit of the Special Education Department. The process started several weeks ago with staff interviews and document reviews. The audit team is now receiving a sample of IEP's, reviewing current staff model, and preparing recommended action plan that includes ways to support the effectiveness of the department.
- Process To Handle
Parent Concerns
- D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Process to Handle Parent Concerns.
- Monthly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended July 31,
2023
- E. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended July 31, 2023.
- Upcoming Board
Meetings and Events
12. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming meetings:
- A. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2023 (Deadline for Item Requests September 11, 2023)
- B. Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation Golf Tournament: Friday, September 15 @ 9 am-Butterfield Golf Course
- C. NMSBA Fall Region VII Meeting October 17 @ 5:30 pm-Gadsden HS

Closed Session

13. Closed Session

Mr. Castillo made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, of the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 as amended for Superintendent's and Associate Superintendent's report on employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, and employee issues. A roll call vote was taken, Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Arlean Murillo and Claudia Rodriguez all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

Reconvene

14. President Flores made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

Adjourn

15. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado